

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. **A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents comprising:**

5 **a base unit;**

**a plain old telephone service “POTS” telephone handset connected to said base unit;**

10 **a telephone keypad connected to said base unit;**

**telephone circuitry operable to establish two way telephone service over a twisted pair of POTS wiring;**

15 **telephone circuitry within said base unit operable to establish two way wireless telephone service; and**

**control electronics connected to said base unit for selectively switching between said POTS service and said wireless telephone service.**

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2. **A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 1 and further comprising:**

25 **a speaker telephone connected to said base; and**

**circuitry within said control electronics to activate said speaker telephone system.**

5      **3. A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 2 wherein:**

**said circuitry includes circuitry to activate said speaker telephone system by voice commands.**

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**4. A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 1 and further comprising:**

15      **digital recording and voice recognition circuitry connected to said control electronics operable to activate said emergency communication system from a location remote from said base unit.**

**5. A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 1 and further comprising:**

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**a distress button connected to said base unit and being operable to connect to an emergency service via a wireless telephone service upon depressing the distress button.**

6. A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 1 and further comprising:

5 a level sensor circuit connected to said base unit operable to detect a condition of the base unit being disposed in a non-horizontal condition ; and

10 circuitry operable to contact an emergency service in the event the base unit is in a non-horizontal condition.

7. A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 1 and further comprising:

15 circuitry operable to detect a dead line condition of said handset; and

circuitry to initiate a telephone call to an emergency service to alert the service of the dead line condition.

20 8. A system for emergency communication for high-risk residents as defined in claim 7 and further comprising:

circuitry to wireless voice communication with a resident by an emergency service in the event an off-hood condition is detected.

9. A method for establishing emergency communication for high risk residents comprising the steps of:

providing a plain old telephone service("POTS") into a residence;

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providing a wireless telephone service into the residence associated with said POTS service; and

10 in the event of a dead line condition of said POTS service establishing a wireless telephone signal to an emergency service alerting the emergency service of the dead line condition of the POTS service.

15 10. A method for establishing emergency communication for high risk residents comprising the steps of:

providing a plain old telephone service("POTS") into a residence with a base unit;

20 providing a wireless telephone service into the residence associated with said POTS service and through said base unit;

detecting the level condition of said base unit; and

25 in the event that the base unit is determined to be not level contacting an

**emergency service via said wireless telephone service.**

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